

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1 **November 1, 2021**

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3 The meeting took place in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Rd,
4 Londonderry, NH 03053.

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6 Present: Chairman John Farrell; Vice Chairman Joe Green; Councilor Tom Dolan, Jim
7 Butler, and Deb Paul; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik;
8 Executive Assistant Kirby Brown;

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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

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12 Chairman Farrell called the Town Council meeting to order. This was followed by the
13 Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for our first responders
14 during the upcoming holiday season.

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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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18 Brian MacDonald, 6 Picadully Cr, spoke about Braver Angels and gave a presentation to
19 the Council. MacDonald went over what Braver Angels stands for and how they are helping
20 people talk through political indifferences.

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22 Bob Rimol and Sandy Lageux, Londonderry Trailways, gave the Council an update on the
23 school pathways project they are trying to pursue. They stated that they last spoke about
24 pursuing Grants and other ways of funding to complete the project. Lageux stated that they
25 are having a hard time finding funding and asked the Council if they had ideas or
26 connections that they could pursue. Lageux stated that this is the next best project. It's in
27 front to the school and warps in many homes.

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29 Jeff Moulton, Chairman of Net Zero Task Force and Josh Bourdon, Derry Town Councilor
30 and founder of Net Zero task Force, gave the Council an insight to the New Zero task Force.
31 It is a bipartisan committee. Bourdon gave a background on the task force. Bourdon stated
32 that the goal is to become a net zero community by 2025. Bourdon stated that he wants to
33 help other communities find sustainable energy. Moulton went over the savings and how

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34 the system works. The Council expressed interest in the program. Chairman Farrell asked
35 Town Manager Smith if they could connect with Dave and Mike and go from there.

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APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

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39 The Council interviewed Debbie Desrochers, 25 Royal Lane, for an Alternate position on
40 the Senior Reoccurs Committee. Motion to appoint Debbie Desrochers to an alternate
41 position on the Senior Resources Committee made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice
42 Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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NEW BUSINESS

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46 Assistant Town Solicitor, Mike Malaguti, discussed the settlement proposal made in the
47 Pennichuck rate case with the Council. Malaguti stated that he needs the Council role call
48 vote o open the discussion since it's a matter that was discussed in a non-public privilege
49 setting; Vice Chairman Joe green, Councilor Deb Paul, Councilor Jim Butler, Councilor
50 Tom Dolan, and Chairman John Farrell. Malaguti stated that it was a year ago that the town
51 was notified that Pennichuck, the towns water utilities, was seeking a 21% increase in total
52 revenue and was going to file it with the public utilities commission. At the Councils
53 direction the town hired Sheehan Phinney Bass & green to represent us in the PUC matter.
54 The settlement agreement on the table is not a 21% increase, it is a 16% increase. Malaguti
55 went over the factors found. The Council accepted the offer. Motion to accept made by Vice
56 Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-1; Councilor Dolan voted
57 against.

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59 Town Manager Kevin Smith discussed the 2021 town tax rate and the reevaluation year.
60 Town Manager Smith stated that this is the lowest tax rate in 40 years. They Council will
61 be taking \$1M from UFB to offset the taxes.

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63 Chairman Farrell introduced the first reading for Resolutions #2021-24, relative to the
64 Elderly Exemption Policy, and Resolution #2021-25, relative to the Disable Persons
65 Exemption Policy. Motion to waive first reading and schedule the public hearing for the
66 22nd of November made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair
67 votes 5-0-0.

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69 Finance Director Justin Campo Presented Resolution #2021-26, a Resolution relative to the
70 acceptance of unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b. This is for the Arts Council and
71 funding for Concerts on the Common, \$5,100. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-26 and
72 accept the funds made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes
73 5-0-0.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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77 Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from October 18, 2021 made by Vice
78 Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

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82 Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Paul. Chair
83 votes 5-0-0.

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85 Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown Date: 11/01/2021

86 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown Date: 11/08/2021

87 Approved by: Town Council Date: 11/22/2021